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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR RALLIERS

REF: PHNOM PENH 12869

1. ON MARSHAL LON NOL'S INSTRUCTION, MG HOU HANGSIN AND COL THACH RENG, IN THEIR CAPACITY AS PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS, APPROACHED THE EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 26 WITH REQUEST THAT THE U.S.GOVERNMENT HELP SUPPORT A RALLIER PROGRAM TO BE MANAGED WITHIN THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE OFFICE. HOU HANGSIN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT DISPARS OF MOUNTING A SIGNIFICANT RALLIER EFFORT THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL CONCORD (HEADED BY AN IN TAM MAN), BELIEVES THE MOMENT CRITICAL FOR MORE SERIOUS EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD, AND HAS THERFORE CONFIDED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PROGRAM TO COLONEL THACH RENG. THACH RENG HAS FOR THIS PURPOSE BEEN NAMED DEPUTY TO NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTOR BG HANGSIN INDICATED IN AN ASIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS TRIPS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO RALLY THE POPULATIONAND NEEDS FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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2. HOU HANGSIN ALSO RENEWED LON NOL'S PROPOSAL THAT

U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES BE CHanneled THROUGH THE LIBERATION AND NATION-BUILDING DIRECTORATE, OF WHICH HOU HANGSIN IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND THACH RENG CHIEF OF STAFF. HE NOTED IN THIS RESPECT THAT THE MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL ACTION AND REFUGEES (ALSO HEADED BY AN IN TAM MAN IS INEFFECTIVE.

3. WE SET FORTH TO HOU HANGSIN AND THACH RENG OUR VIEWS ON A RALLIER PROGRAM AS OUTLINED REFTTEL, EMPHASIZING THAT THE GKR SHOULDNOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE RECOMMENDED INSTEAD THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT RALLIERS WHO CANNOT BE ENLISTED IN FANK BE GIVEN ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE REFUGEE ASSISTANCE. AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, WE NOTED THAT WE HOPE SOON TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT SOME CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR AN EXPANDED REFUGEE EFFORT AND THAT WE WOULD ADVOCATE AN AUTONOMOUS AGENCY TO ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM. WE RECOMMENDED THAT LENA REMAIN A COORDINATING BODY FOR COUNTRYSIDE PROGRAMS AS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED AND NOT TAKE ON THE DUTIES OF AN ACTION AGENCY.
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